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SEN. PRUSI SUPPORTS GOVERNOR'S *PRESERVE FIRST*
FUNDING FOR US-2 ROAD CONSTRUCTION

LANSING – State Senator Mike Prusi (D-Ishpeming) announces that an agreement has been reached with Gov. Granholm, the Michigan Department of Transportation, and the Legislature to fund road construction along US-2 in Iron Mountain.

“The residents of Dickinson County have waited a long time for this project to be approved,” Prusi said. “The Governor and legislative leaders worked out a fair compromise. Across the state only 17 projects were recommended for funding this year, and I am pleased that this important Upper Peninsula road project made it on the list.”

The design for widening US-2 from Washington Street to Michigan Avenue is currently underway. MDOT is resuming its right of way acquisition and construction phases. Construction will begin in spring 2004 and the estimated cost of the project is \$12.2 million. The project will extend the newly reconstructed road from the state border through the city of Iron Mountain. Preservation projects along US-2 in Iron Mountain will also continue.

“I applaud the Governor for her leadership on this issue,” Prusi said. “These types of collaborative solutions are necessary during tough economic times. Her plan addresses the most pressing expansion projects while remaining committed to improving existing roads.”

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Mike Prusi serves as Democratic Vice Chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee. He represents the 38th Senate District, which includes 13 of the 15 Upper Peninsula counties.